GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign tourists visited India during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the number of foreign tourists staying in the country after the expiry of their visas;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to repatriate such tourists; and

(d) the time by which such tourists are likely to be repatriated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As per information furnished by various Mission and Posts abroad, data regarding grant of visa to foreign tourists for the last three years is as follows:

1997	1998	1999
9,21,512	9,16,130	9,66,565

(b) to (d): Powers of the Central Government under the Passport (Entry into India) Act. 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act. 1939 and the Foreigners Act. 1946 have been entrusted to the State Governments and Union Territory Administration to deal with cases of overstayal by foreigners, including their deportation. As such, data regarding Foreigners residing in India after the expiry of their visas, is not centrally maintained. However, State Governments and U.T. Administrations have been instructed from time to time to detect and deport such foreigners.